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BOY KILLED WHILE WALKING IN SLEEP

KILLED BY HIS BROTHER

After Smith Killed While in Camp in Bunker Hill Neighborhood.

Mistaking his brother Walter, aged 15, for some kind of an animal, Chauncey Smith fired a load of buckshot at him Thursday night last week, the charge taking effect in the boy's left leg, which resulted in his death Sunday morning at 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Smith, father Smith and Billy Dodd were camping in the Bunker Hill country, some thirteen miles from this place. They had been informed that a cougar had been seen prowling around that neighborhood and when Chauncey heard something rattling around near the tent, he arose, took a gun and called, but receiving no answer and thinking it a deer or some other animal, he fired, with the result above mentioned. It seems that Walter got up in his sleep and was walking about the camp.

A stretcher was made with a blanket and two poles and he was carried some five miles without road trail through the dark woods to where an auto was in waiting. Dr. G. Ross rendered temporary relief and the boy was taken to St. Helens hospital.

The boy was very weak from loss of blood and a pint was transfused into his body from his father, S. E. Smith, but it failed to save his life. While Mr. Smith is on the shady side of life, about 50, the loss of his son left him quite weak, but the grief was cheerfully made.

The sad accident cast a gloom over the city, as Walter was a bright boy and was one of the eighth grade graduates last spring.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Sandifur officiating.

FIRE WEATHER WARNINGS

With a view to be of service in preventing forest fires, the United States weather bureau at Portland, in charge of District Forecaster H. A. Smith, has inaugurated a new service which is called "Fire Weather Warnings." This bulletin is issued every five days and sent to the postmasters of Columbia county for posting. The bulletin issued on the 23rd reads as follows: "Fair Thursday and Friday; continued warm; increasing north to northeast winds." On each side of the bulletin, printed in red ink, one cannot miss it, is the warning: "Stop and think before you toss away a match or leave a campfire." Don't burn slashings between June and October 1 without permit from the warden." At the bottom of the bulletin is the following sensible statement: "Forest fires destroy valuable property, menace human life and permanently remove a field of labor. If you discover a fire put it out, or call the nearest fire warden. Help teach others to be careful with fire in the woods."

Heretofore the weather bureau has been issuing storm warnings more for the benefit of seafaring people than of others, but Uncle Sam, realizing how valuable the timber of the country is, is trying to impress upon us the necessity of the "safety first" idea as to forest fires. The timber of Columbia county is the county's wealth, and all should work together towards conserving this great wealth. District Forecaster Beals has kindly placed the list on his mailing list, and this paper will publish the bulletins as often as received.

You twenty-one republican committeemen from Columbia county, are you going to be lent like lambs to the slaughter; or are you going to stand up and assert yourselves for your rights and for the rights of your home county? You are entitled to some recognition by Multnomah, and moreover, you will get it if you fight for it.

WHAT TAXPAYERS PAID FOR GOOD ROADS

FIGURES ARE STARTLING

Summary of Amount Columbia County Paid From Road Fund.

Here's something for the taxpayer to ponder over. It is simply a statement obtained from the county treasurer showing how much road money has been spent in the last several years.

Year.	Paid Road Warrants
1913	\$ 123,121.92
1914	120,572.45
1915	194,119.70
1916	206,103.76
Total	\$ 643,915.83

From Bonds

1914	\$ 289,195.86
1915	78,953.09
Total	\$ 368,148.95

The item under 1916 is the amount carried on the tax rolls, all of which has not been collected. Another interesting statement obtained from the same source is the increase in road tax levy for the past several years. These amounts and the amounts in corresponding years as set forth above, do not quite agree on account of collections of back taxes.

Year.	Mills.	Amount.
1911	3	\$ 82,445.00
1912	3	80,844.71
1913	9.5	171,644.33
1914	7.55	133,255.69
1915	8.9	153,141.23
Total		\$621,330.96

So few people have any idea of how much we are spending on roads that the Mist thought it a good idea to get these records from the courthouse reports so each taxpayer can see how much we are doing towards good roads. Each one of us wants good roads, and the only question that arises is this: Can we afford to spend so much in so short a time, and then, are we getting value received for our money? The work being done in the various road districts comes under the personal observation of the taxpayer in his district and he can answer this last question. The Mist is simply showing how much is being spent.

FISHING SEASON CLOSES TODAY

At 12 o'clock (noon) today the fishing season will close and the many fishermen engaged in this line of business will lay aside their nets until the fall season opens. The catch this year is far under the average season's catch and has been a disappointment to both canners and fishermen. While many reasons are given for the scarcity of the salmon, some fishermen think the high water in June and July is the real cause for the poor run. For the past few days fish have been coming into the lower river and fishermen in the vicinity of Astoria have done quite well, but not many of the finny tribe reached St. Helens. It is to be regretted that the catch of fish was so small, as the fishing industry is an important one in St. Helens and gives employment to many men.

SECURES BIG BLOCK CONTRACT

John Phillip left Wednesday morning for Portland, in response to a message stating that he had been awarded a contract to furnish some Portland party with 200,000 Belgian blocks which will be used for paving in the Rose City. While Mr. Phillip has some of these blocks on hand it will be necessary to make quite a number. He feels elated at having secured the contract and hopes that with other jobs coming on in Portland he can secure such additional business as will warrant him in operating his quarries as he did several years ago.

INSTITUTE DATES

Dates for county teachers' institutes for the coming fall and winter have been arranged by the state department of education and have been made public. The institute for Columbia county will be held in St. Helens October 25, 26 and 27.

CONDITION OF LOWER COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

ST. HELENS TO SEASIDE

A Mist Representative Makes the Trip and Reports the True Facts.

Ask the average autoist coming from Astoria over the Highway how the road is and the response will be "Pretty good;" "Fair;" "Bum," etc., the answer usually depending on what kind of luck he has had with his car and tires. So to see just how the road is and what work is being done and realizing that some of our local autoists will make the trip this summer, a Mist representative drove a car the round trip from St. Helens to Seaside, and the following are his observations of the road:

From St. Helens to Goble it is good, and driving leisurely one should make this twelve miles in 45 minutes. Leaving Goble for Rainier, you encounter two miles of very rough road. If it is dry weather there are deep ruts and numerous bumps. In wet weather, and we traveled it right after a heavy rain, one should have chains, for you only get out of one mudhole before you plunge into another, and the car skids from side to side of the road. The remaining four miles into Rainier is good and will permit 15 to 20 miles per hour without discomfort. Leaving Rainier go out Union street. There are several blocks of this street leading to the highway which are in bad condition, but the highway itself is good and you can make the long grade on high gear. The eight miles to Delena is good and mostly rocky. Turn to the left at Delena and go over the "hill" route to Clatskanie, a distance of five and one-half miles. Part of this road is fair and some of it quite rough, but if one drives carefully there is no danger of broken springs or much personal discomfort. At the top of the hill going down to Clatskanie, drive slow and sound your horn often, as the road is very narrow and quite steep. There are only a few places at which autos could pass each other. Also be sure your brakes are good, for you will need them.

Leaving Clatskanie, the road for several miles is quite good, though much work is being done and considerable loose rock makes it hard on tires. The road in the vicinity of Westport is rough, so it is necessary to drive slow to escape the hard bumps. Bugby hill is good, there being only one rough place and that is after you have reached the summit. From Bugby to Astoria, a distance of 25 miles, there are only a dozen rough spots, and by going over these in daylight one makes it easily. Where improvements have been made and some soft spots are still to be found, brush and plank have been used which makes the going a little better.

The road from Astoria to Seaside is paved most of the way, and at a speed of 20 miles per hour you can make this last leg of the trip in one hour. Be careful not to exceed the 25 miles per hour, for two speed cops are constantly on patrol.

Taking it all in all, the trip is not a bad one and by driving carefully and leisurely one should make it in about six and one-half hours to Seaside, which is about 100 miles from St. Helens. The roads are well marked and one should have no trouble in finding the right way. On the way back, coming out of Clatskanie, take the "hill" road instead of going by Mayger. In this way you will escape much corduroy road, but coming up the hill be sure to look out for cars, and also be sure of your gasoline supply and brakes, for if anything happens it would be very uncomfortable on this steep grade, which is real long and rough.

The actual running time of the Mist car to Seaside was about seven hours, and coming back, when the road was drier and in better shape, about six hours. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the trip except a few blowouts, which the auto man naturally expects on a rough road.

Though much work is being done,

NEWS OF WATERFRONT JAPANESE STEAMER HERE

EXPECT MORE VESSELS

Lumber Carriers Take On Big Cargoes at This Port.

The steamer Daisy Freeman, which has been at the docks of the St. Helens Lumber Co. for the past few days loading 750,000 ft. of lumber for delivery at San Francisco, will sail tonight.

Carrying 1,000,000 ft. of lumber and a fair list of passengers, the steamer Wapama sailed Wednesday bound for San Pedro. She will call in at San Francisco to discharge some of her passengers.

After discharging a cargo of 800 tons of cement and general freight at Portland, the steamer J. B. Stetson dropped down to the docks of the Columbia County Lumber Company, where she will take on a lumber cargo for delivery at the Bay City. The Stetson will sail late Saturday night or Sunday morning. She carries 800,000 ft.

The steamer Nehalem, formerly of the Hicks-Hauptman fleet, is expected to arrive at St. Helens Monday. She will load a full cargo of lumber for San Pedro.

The steamer Willamette is due to arrive in the river the first of the week. She will come to St. Helens for part of her cargo. Her sailing date is set for August 30.

The Japanese steamer Nippo Maru arrived Wednesday night and is taking on 500,000 ft. of lumber for delivery at Antofagasta, Chile. She will leave here Saturday for Portland where she will complete her cargo of 2,000,000 ft. The Nippo Maru is an old steamer, having been built in Glasgow in 1893. She was bought several years ago by a Japanese concern and recently has been engaged in carrying munitions of war to Russian ports. The steamer has a crew of 44 men, mostly Japanese, though some few Chinese are aboard. Capt. S. Zimbo is in command of the vessel and this is his second trip to the United States. He seems much interested in the enterprises around St. Helens and Portland and is a keen observer. Captain Zimbo is uncertain where his vessel will be sent after reaching Chile, but is of the opinion that she will go around the Horn and enter the Atlantic trade in the service of the allies.

Efforts to pull the stranded steamer Bear into deep water were unsuccessful and the steamer is still stranded off Mendocino. Those in charge of the salvage operations will wait until next month's high tides, when another effort will be made to haul the vessel into deep water.

RAINIER TOURNAMENT

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. George, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Ballagh, Clyde Sutherland, Ben Copeland and R. C. Burgess attended the tournament of the Rainier Gun Club Sunday. Members from the Portland and Kelso clubs were also in attendance and in all 22 marksmen took part in the shoot.

We were unable to secure the score of the several series pulled off, but the St. Helens boys carried home a couple of the prizes. Ben Copeland won first in the first series and has a hunting coat to show for it.

In the second event Clyde Sutherland made second place and carried home a box of Gen. Arthur cigars. The boys report a very interesting shoot.

ARRIVED SAFE

A letter received from Mrs. M. Rosenthal tells of her safe arrival in San Francisco. She and family made the trip on the Great Northern and speak highly of the accommodations of this great vessel and the pleasure of the voyage. The Rosenthals will return to St. Helens next week.

It is plain to be seen that it will require the expenditure of thousands of dollars before it can be called a good summer road. In its present condition it will be impassable in winter time.

ST. HELENS SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 4

RESUME OF PAST YEAR

Full Corps of Experienced Teachers and a Successful Term Assured.

By solicitation, Prof. L. L. Baker has kindly furnished the Mist with the following interesting facts relating to the St. Helens schools and an outline of the work for the coming school year:

St. Helens schools opened last year on August 31, and a very successful year's work was accomplished by both teachers and pupils.

Our high school enrollment increased over 90 per cent, having in attendance pupils from Mayger, Goble, Deer Island, Yankton and Warren.

Sewing and domestic science were offered to girls of all grades in the high school, and sewing to the girls of the seventh and eighth grades, while manual training was offered to the boys of the high school and to the boys of the seventh and the eighth grades. Sewing was also taught to the girls in the fifth to eighth grades, inclusive, of the McBride school at West St. Helens.

The Boys' Glee Club, directed by Mr. McCoy, did very credible work for the first year, appearing before the public on several occasions.

Our high school entered into athletic contests during the year with Ridgefield, Warren, Scappoose, Deer Island, Rainier, Clatskanie and Franklin high school of Portland. Our boys gained a reputation for clean sportsmanship. We sent a representative to the high school meet at the state university who won a gold medal and a bronze medal, securing for us the sixth place in the meet, which was doing exceedingly well for one representative.

A four-year teachers' training class was put into our high school for the first time last year, having a membership of twelve, eleven graduated from this department. Many took up the training class work, for the review which it offered in the common English branches.

Music, which was taught by a special teacher year before last, was carried on by each teacher in her own room, without the music supervisor, and some very good work was done.

The total enrollment for the entire school last year was 475, showing an increase over the previous year of about 10 per cent, which is considered a good, healthful growth.

St. Helens schools will open this year September 4, with a full corps of experienced teachers.

L. L. Baker will be the city superintendent and will have general supervision of all the schools and of all departments of the school work, and will also teach the training class subjects.

Frederick Knight will be principal of the high school, and will teach science and history.

Lloyd Schisler will teach mathematics and will coach athletics.

Miss Duns will again have languages and literature.

Miss Lillie M. Leith will have the seventh and eighth grades; Mr. McCoy, the sixth; Mrs. Wilson, the fifth; Miss Slotboom, the fourth; Mrs. Lake, the third; Miss Philip, the second; Miss Perry, the first grade.

Charles Lake will be the principal of the McBride school, with Miss West and Miss Matthews, assistants.

Our aim is to raise the efficiency of all departments of the school during the coming year. In the grades we shall pay special attention to oral English and arithmetic. With this end in view, a supplement to the state course has been prepared, giving more minute directions and many valuable aids for a special campaign in the teaching of these two important subjects. This does not mean that other subjects are to be neglected or that more time will be taken up by these subjects, but that we are going to teach them in a more practical way and we hope to secure better results than we have obtained heretofore.

In the high school, we expect to do more in the line of literary work

SEATTLE OFFICIALS VISIT ST. HELENS

Impressed by City's Commercial Importance.

Nelson Troyer and wife, Ben W. Johnson, wife and daughters Edith and Jane, Howard Josselin and wife, his daughter Ruth and Miss Ethel Shefe, all of Seattle, were St. Helens visitors Wednesday night. The party were on their way to Seattle. Leaving Seattle last Friday, they motored over the Pacific Highway, crossed the Columbia at Goble and made Seaside the same night. Returning, they went via the Forest Grove route, visited some places in the Willamette valley, took a trip up the Columbia Highway and then started for home. Mr. Troyer is manager of the Seattle-Astoria Iron Works. Mr. Johnson is superintendent of the manual training department of the Seattle public schools, and Mr. Josselin is electrical engineer for the city of Seattle, a position he has held for the past fourteen years. The party spent some time in St. Helens and made favorable comments upon the activity of the city, but could not understand why a city the size and importance of St. Helens should not have some paved streets.

IMPROVING SYSTEM

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is rebuilding its toll line the entire distance from Portland to Seaside. About every ten miles between St. Helens and Seaside are gangs of men setting poles and stringing wires. Each gang is comfortably housed in portable camps, either on heavy wagons or trucks so auto trucks can haul them to the next station. The Mist is informed that the improvements under way will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000, and it is hoped to have the work completed this fall. The line follows the highway most of the distance, the only exceptions being where it crosses several high hills, making the distance shorter than if it followed the many curves of the highway.

SAVED FROM DROWNING

Mrs. Gus Lope had a narrow escape from drowning down at Columbia beach Wednesday evening. A large crowd was in bathing and Mrs. Lope ventured too far out and was soon struggling in deep water. She went under the second time when Joe Mosey went out and rescued her. Since the water has receded, the "jump-off" is pretty close to shore and those who cannot swim should not venture out very far. The water is probably thirty feet deep at the "jump-off."

NEW AUDITORIUM

The new auditorium building on the fair grounds is well under way and will be completed in plenty of time. It is now under roof and the work is progressing rapidly. Other improvements are also being made.

and debating. Last year two literary societies were organized, one for the girls under the direction of Miss Duns, and one for the boys, directed by Mr. Sten and Mr. Ostrander. These two societies made a good start in the work, which will be continued this year. The plan is to have each society do debate and literary work and to give one public entertainment some time during the school year.

Mr. Schisler comes to us highly recommended as a coach in all lines of athletics and we shall endeavor to have more and better sports than we had last year.

A modern heating and ventilating plant is being installed in the high school building which will insure healthful conditions at all times.

The McBride school is being thoroughly cleaned and will be put in good condition. The school grounds will be improved soon by the removal of brush and small trees.

We believe that an education consists of such a preparation of the child in his moral, physical and intellectual capacities as will enable him by the exercise of their use to be the greatest benefit to society.